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1. REGRET I HAVE NOT YET BEEN ABLE DISCUSS WITH FOURIE,
AS I WOULD LIKE TO DO, PROJECTED SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FOR SMITH'S
VISIT. I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO CHECK SIZE OF DELEGATION
WITH HIM BEFORE GIVING FINAL GO-AHEAD, BUT UNDERSTAND HE WILL BE
OUT OF TOWN UNTIL LATE MONDAY. MY INITIAL IMPRESSION IS THAT
DELEGATION IS SOMEWHAT LARGE FOR FRANKEST POSSIBLE EXCHANGES, BUT
WE MIGHT GET AROUND THIS BY SOME SMALLER SCALE MEETINGS DURING
SMITH'S VISIT.

2. THE TWO VERSIONS OF JACOMET'S VIEWS DO NOT APPEAR SO
COMPLETELY DIFFERENT AS TO BE INCONSISTENT, ESPECIALLY SINCE
A NUMBER OF THE POINTS REQUIRE FURTHER CLARIFICATION IN ANY
EVENT. THEY CLEARLY REFLECT THE SAG'S MAJOR CONCERNS AND
WILL HAVE TO BE COVERED IN ANY AGENDA, HOWEVER ORGANIZED,
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ALTHOUGH OUR CONCERN WILL BE TO MAKE SURE THERE IS EQUALLY
SERIOUS DISCUSSION OF WHAT SAG IS WILLING TO DO TO ADHERE
TO THE NPT AND APPLY INTERNATIONAL CONTROLS TO ALL ITS
NUCLEAR ACTIVITIES. (INCIDENTALLY, SINCE
JACOMET'S VIEWS WERE PRESUMABLY GIVEN IN CONFIDENCE, DEPT
AND PARIS MAY WISH TO CONSIDER WHETHER REFS B AND C SHOULD
HAVE XGDS-1 DESIGNATION.)

3. I WILL SUBMIT FURTHER VIEWS ON SUBSTANCE OF FOURIE'S COMMENTS TO JACOMET ON MONDAY, BUT WOULD NOTE THAT POINT WHICH WAS MADE ABOUT REPROCESSING AND REUTILIZING SPENT FUEL FROM SAFARI IS ONE THAT IS NEW TO ME AND WILL HAVE TO BE CLARIFIED BY DEPT. IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO KNOW THE PRESENT LEGAL/ CONTRACTUAL STATUS OF SUCH SPENT FUEL AND ALTERNATIVE POSSIBLE SOLUTIONS THAT WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE TO THE USG.

4. THE MAJOR POINT OF POSSIBLE DIFFERENCE THAT IS NOT CLEAR FROM THE JACOMET CONVERSATIONS AND IS NOT EASILY APPARENT HERE IS WHETHER THE SAG WILL PRESS AMBASSADOR SMITH FOR BROAD POLITICAL ASSURANCES THAT THE USG CANNOT GIVE. THIS IS NOT LIKELY TO BE ANY CLEARER UNTIL THE TALKS THEMSELVES TAKE PLACE.
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